

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, refuelers take on new "navigators," Spangdahlem Air Base medics prep for the real thing and more.

## News briefs

### Little League tournament

For the second year in a row, Saudi Arabia ended the Eifel All Stars hopes of playing in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

The Saudi Arabian team, the only team to beat the Eifel in the Transatlantic Tournament, beat the Eifel little leaguers 2-0 in Sunday's championship game in Kutno, Poland.

After losing earlier in the tournament to Saudi Arabia, the Eifel All Stars were 4-1 going into the July 13 game against Spain. A 2-1 win against Spain guaranteed the Eifel a spot in the championship.

In that game, Ben Rosen struck out nine batters for his fifth win in his six tournament appearances dating back to the all-Germany championship three weeks ago. Lee Jenkins drove in both Eifel runs.

With a 5-1 record following the victory over Spain, a Saturday match against Italy served merely as a warm-up to the finals. The Eifel All Stars drilled Italy 13-7. David Murray had the hot bat, going three-for-five at the plate with four runs batted in.

Each team in the round-robin tournament played seven teams from throughout Europe, with the teams with the top two records advancing to the championships. The Eifel All Stars finished 6-2.

### Longer gas station hours

Spangdahlem Air Base's gas station starts a 90-day expanded hours test, beginning Aug. 1. The facility will operate 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, according to Stan McGhee, AAFES manager. Depending upon use, McGhee may extend the hours even further.

In addition, he said eventually AAFES stations in the Eifel would be equipped with "swipe" cards to replace gas coupons. People will buy cards with certain amounts of liters, swipe the card, fill up and drive off. When this happens, McGhee said gas would be available 24 hours a day. No date has been firmly established yet for the installation of swipe cards.

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Airman 1st Class Jamie Flanders, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, handcuffs mock protester Kimberly Parker outside the main gate July 12 during a force protection exercise as part of the United States Air Forces in Europe Operational Readiness Inspection.

Airman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

## Spangdahlem Air Base officials encourage vigilance during ORI

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

While the ungraded anti-terrorism/force protection phase of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Operational Readiness Inspection ended July 13, base officials remind people to remain vigilant during the Phase I currently underway.

"While we were challenged with demonstrations at the front gate, infiltrators, bomb threats and even a weapon of mass destruction exercise, everyone on Team Eifel was alert," said Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "Your quick reactions permitted us to take control of each situation and perform the necessary actions to minimize the risk to our people."

Comments from local and IG officials support that assessment.

"It was absolutely awesome to see how well the entire wing meshed to make a virtually impenetrable screen," said Maj. Larry Laird, 52nd Security Forces Squadron commander. "I saw numerous examples of how alert folks out on the ramp and in the maintenance areas detected the 'bad guys' even before the event could develop."

Feedback from the IG team was positive and team members offered minor suggestions on ways to improve the base plan, Ihde said.

"My hat is off to everyone for the hustle and positive attitudes you demonstrated during the evaluation; first-class as always," he said. "As you are all aware, the threat to us is very real overseas and we must remain vigilant."

Laird believes the base demonstrated a solid ability to

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## 571 Team Eifel airman learn of promotion to staff sergeant

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Air Force selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for the O1ES cycle, an overall 64.63-percent selection rate.

This is the highest promotion rate in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The selection rate represents a 13.89-percent increase from last year's previous

record of 50.74 percent.

The average selectee this year has 1.95 years time in grade and 4.73 years in service.

Spangdahlem Air Base's selection rate was slightly higher, at 71.1 percent. Out of 776 eligible, 571 made the list this year.

More vacancies have been created by more first- and second-term airmen than expected choosing not to re-enlist the past couple of years. When 'retention' is low, it

leads to more staff sergeant slots that are then filled through promotions, he said.

A two-year-old Air Force initiative that increases the number of E-5, E-6 and E-7 vacancies has also improved promotion opportunities.

Previously, the percentage of "top five" noncommissioned officers was limited to 48.5 percent of the enlisted force; a number that officials here anticipate will continue to rise.

"We think these opportunities, with

earlier promotions and pay increases, should be a great incentive for airmen to stay in the Air Force," Haley said.

People who tested will receive score notices, which will let them see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they competed with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

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## Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton  
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Team Eifel experienced 29 accidents during the past week, six of which were major accidents.

The first happened when a family member failed to check for traffic while operating a bicycle. As a result, he struck a vehicle backing in a parking lot of Bitburg Annex housing. The bicyclist was treated for minor injuries.

The next occurred on L-39 between Herforst and Speicher. An investigation determined the airman was traveling too fast for road conditions. She lost control of her vehicle, collided with a German National forced another military member to drive his vehicle into a field. The airman sustained injuries and was transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus.

Another major accident involved an airman traveling on B-50 between Gransodrf and Gelsdorf. An investigation determined the airman swerved to avoid wildlife, causing her vehicle to skid off the road. The airman wasn't injured, but the vehicle was totaled.

An airman was blinded by on-coming vehicle lights on B-50 near the town of Metterich and hit a guardrail on the curve and then collided into a house. The vehicle was totaled and the house has a broken garage door.

The final two major accidents, which were off base, involved people under the influence of alcohol. The first happened when an airman lost control of his vehicle and rear-ended a parked vehicle, forcing that vehicle to collide with another. The other occurred when an airman lost control of the vehicle and struck a guardrail. Neither airmen were injured, but both vehicles were totaled.

The 23 minor accidents involved:

- Five caused by "speeds too fast for conditions".
- One animal strike.
- One involved hitting an object on the road.
- One hit and run.
- Six were from inattentive driving
- Six occurred in parking lots.
- Three were from improper backing.

Also, 20 citations were issued. Keep in mind these driving tips:

■ Call one of these before you get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol.

AADD - 0656561-2233

Spangdahlem taxi service - 06565-951010

Bitburg taxi service - 06561-17066

When in doubt contact your chain of command.

■ Before backing out of a parking spaces ensure you are clear enough to get out. If possible, have someone spot you.

## ORI

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protect wing assets and execute missions; in part, because of the "can do" attitude displayed across the base, from the flightline to the customer service line at the base exchange.

"Absolutely drop-dead fantastic," he said. "The Phase I ORI will confirm that capability as well as demonstrate our ability to project that capability to deployed locations."

ORIs are used to evaluate the ability of units with a wartime or contingency mission to conduct assigned operational missions. The wing is being evaluated on how well it responds, employs forces, provides mission support and survives and operates in a hostile environment.

During the remainder of the inspection at Spangdahlem Air Base and its deployed location, base officials remind people to stay focused and vigilant.

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### Cost comparison

Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, announced recently the eight-person enlisted military aircraft transient alert maintenance operation would convert to a contractor operation.

Competition between in-house and contract performance was determined to be the most efficient and cost-effective method of operation. Officials anticipate no adverse impact on employees.

This cost comparison was conducted in compliance with Air Force Instruction 38-203, "Commercial Activities," that implements the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities." This reaffirms the government's policy to rely on the private sector for products and services. When in-house performance of commercial activities isn't required for national defense reasons and contracting is more cost effective, conversion to contractors is in the best interest of the American taxpayers.

### Change of command

Lt. Col. Christopher Moore assumes command of the 52nd Communications Squadron during a ceremony at 2 p.m. July 27 at the Airman's Memorial Park.

Moore comes to Spangdahlem Air Base from the U.S. Air Force Communication and Information Resources Division in the Pentagon.

Outgoing commander Lt. Col. Frank Brooks Jr. heads to the Air

Force Communication Agency at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

A reception follows the ceremony in the Spang Club. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Ross Savedra at 452-6010 or 452-2925.

### Air Force Ball

The Company Grade Officer's Council-sponsored Air Force Ball takes place at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7. This year's theme is "NATO and Spangdahlem Air Base United in Airpower." Tickets are available now by e-mailing Capt. Ratna Contractor.

### ALS positions

The Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School needs a staff sergeant and master sergeant (or select) for instructor duty. Reporting dates are in December (staff) and February (master). Applications must be submitted to the school by Sept. 1 for both positions.

To apply or for more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Barnes at 452-9499.

### Clinic closure

The family practice clinic, including immunizations and outpatient records, closes at 2:30 p.m. July 27 for a mandatory commander's call. For more information, call 452-8142.

### Postal hours limited

Both the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex post offices limits service July 27 because of the 52nd Communication Squadron

change of command ceremony.

The finance window at Spangdahlem AB opens 10 a.m. to noon with parcel pick-up available 7 a.m. to noon; at Bitburg Annex, the finance window opens 9-11 a.m. with parcel pick-up 9 a.m. to noon.

### Vehicle washing

The only authorized vehicle washing area on the Bitburg Annex is the services car wash near the gate. German environmental regulations deem the Bitburg area as a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas. Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 452-6082 for details.

### Dormitory managers

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron unaccompanied housing flight needs military members to apply for dormitory manager duty. Staff through master sergeants are eligible.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Donnie Henderson at 452-5556.

### Mail hold

Postal regulations require parcels not claimed within 15 days to be returned to the sender. To prevent this from happening while on leave or TDY, postal customers should complete a PS Form 2258, "Temporary Mail Disposition Instruction," before departing the area.

By using the form, customers may elect to have their mail held or forwarded.

## Overseas car conversion can prove costly

By Robert Szostek  
U.S. European Command Customs Office

**MANNHEIM, Germany** - Americans in Europe must beware of foreign car dealers who claim they can convert cars to U.S. standards. The Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency only accept work done and warranted by expert companies in the United States. These agencies don't recognize the work of overseas companies or individuals.

Fines, extra bonds and storage fees will ensue people trying to import a vehicle "converted" overseas. A simple computer check of the vehicle identification number is all U.S. Customs needs to detect these fraudulent imports. Trying to recoup the money you paid the dealer can also be difficult.

It's usually cheaper for people moving stateside to sell their foreign-specification cars abroad and buy another car after returning stateside. "Shipping, paperwork, emissions work and safety conversion cost an importer at least \$6,500, and up to \$25,000 for more exotic cars," said Michael L. Burkert, director of the U.S. European Command's Customs Executive Agency.

"It's tempting to save some of that expense by doing work here in Europe," he added. "But car shippers must realize that conversion work done overseas isn't licensed or inspected by U.S. agencies. Also, DOT work must be

warranted for eight years and for a \$2,000 parts defect. Emissions conversions must be warranted for 50,000 miles or five years, whichever comes first. This kind of quality has its price."

Burkert explained used vehicles rebuilt by the original manufacturer to U.S. specifications are eligible for import with the proper documents.

Under EPA regulations, nonconforming vehicles less than 21 years old may only enter the United States through an independent commercial importer. These vehicles must be tested and adapted to the emission standards in effect at the time of production.

Vehicles 21 years old or older don't require tests or conversions. DOT requires shippers of nonconforming vehicles to sign a contract with a registered importer who must certify in advance that the model is convertible to U.S. safety standards. The owner must also post a bond for one and a half times the vehicle's dutiable value.

"Vehicles over 25 years old don't need conversion to U.S. safety, bumper and theft prevention standards," Burkert added.

Get the "Importing a Car" pamphlet from a military customs office for more information on shipping foreign vehicles, or consult the military customs Web site at [www.hqsareur.army.mil/opm/cars.htm](http://www.hqsareur.army.mil/opm/cars.htm). (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

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The average score for those selected was 263.67 points based on the following averages:

■ 130.00 points for enlisted performance reports;

■ 50.43 points for promotion fitness exam;

■ 52.60 points for specialty knowledge test;

■ 17.96 points for time in grade;

■ 11.71 points for time in service; and

■ 0.84 points for decorations.

Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant beginning in September and continue to August 2002.

The complete list of selectees will be posted on the AFPC home page by Saturday. (Air Force Print News)

Those selected from Spangdahlem Air Base are:

### 22nd Fighter Squadron

Justin D. Arkema, Jonathan C. Arnold, Christopher Beery, Lynnde A. Boykin, Aaron S. Bushy, Frederick Collier, Phillip Q. Crane, Ryan M. Darrell, Miranda L. Fitzthum, Terrell M. Fluker, Jessica C. German, Zachary S. Gillmore, Michael D. Graham, Melissa D. Harmon, Jimmy T. Huggins, Daphne Lynn Jaehn, Richard J. Lewing, Jeffrey K. Marks, Eddie D. Martin, Theodore D. Marx, Tony L. Meyers, Christopher Morris, David R. Ross and Tyrice A. Thomas

### 23rd Fighter Squadron

Anthony M. Bell, Omar S. Boynes, Darren M. Bradley, Justin B. Bradshaw, Kenneth T. Brooks, Mark L. Brown, Scott Chamberlain, Michael L. Collins, Kieth E. Galliani, Mario A. Garcia Jr., Robert B. Hart, Eric A. Hendricks, Brian M. Hennard, Gilbert Hernandez, Timothy S. Jaehn, Chandra L. Kirby, Kristen H. Louk, Chad M. Love, Ronald L. Lucero, Jacob C. Madren, Kyle A. Mickelsen, Gary C. Mounts II, Patrick A. Oakley, Christopher Partney, Richard P. Reif Jr., Fernando G. Ruiz, Robert J. Schmuck, Dennis E. Torres, Robert E. Westbrook, Charles E. Williams and Timothy Zielfelder

### 470th Air Base Squadron,

Ryan M. Bortle, Amari Clark, Michael G. Escoto, Felicia M. Ferguson, Tonya L. Garcia, Jeremiah J. Glamann, Mitzy A. Golden, Tama S. Grinstead, Gretchen Hoegemeyer, Autumn M. Hosley, Catherine K. Mateo, Aisha P. Mayer, Anthony J. Pisula, Rico T. Rogers, Tina M. Webb, Dennis A. Wojdyla I and Carrie A. McKellar

### 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Jeanette L. George, Heather Lynn Lewis, Joshua J. Lodde and Erin C. Yancey

### 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Ulises Alfaro, Mark Andrzejewski, Vincent Barronette, Anthony W. Bottom, Brent L. Brown, Daniel E. Carpenter, Marian Castillo, Tommy L. Childers Jr., Craig M. Cooper, Melani B.T. Crisosto, Armando D. Dabney, Kenneth A. Dale, Benjamin Delarosa, Fredrick W. Denne, Joseph Deslauriers, Matthew D. Else, David D. Foster, Shaun D. Goodenow, Mendi M. Graham, Ramon L. Gunderson, Robert M. Haner, Joel C. Harr, Andrew M. Henderson, Stephen P. Herzig, Arthur L. Jackson Jr., Christopher Jones, Gary O. Lilley, Jeremy M. Louk, Christian R. Lyle, Paul T. Magin, Fheoshami Marshall, Seth K. Martin, John P. McIlwain, Mikell E. Moore, Joseph A. Quevedo, Christopher J. Shaw, Stephanie T. Spear, Douglas K. Steyling, Jacob L. Tenney, Michael R. Vaughn, Paul L. Wagner, Andrew D. Warr, Clifford D. Weida Jr., Thomas P. Wiley and Brian D. Woods

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Elizabeth A. Anton and Felisha L. Whitlow

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Carrie L. Morris and Tamica L. Rippke

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### 52nd Communications Squadron

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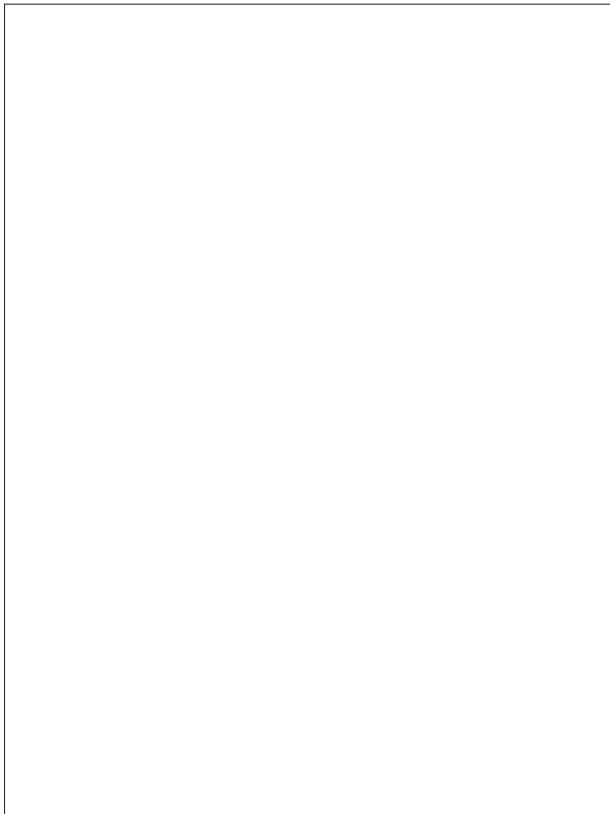
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Henry Krones, 52nd CES greenhouse supervisor, carries a tray of geraniums to load on a truck bound for Spangdahlem AB. The base greenhouse grows about 50 flower varieties annually.



Klaus Theis, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron greenhouse gardener, chooses a marigold for planting in a flowerbed near the Spangdahlem Air Base Child Development Center annex.

Klaus Theis and Henry Krones, 52nd CES greenhouse supervisor and gardener, choose flowers for planting in a flowerbed near the Spangdahlem Air Base Child Development Center annex. June, greenhouse gardeners plant more than 35,000 flowers on Spangdahlem AB.

## Greenhouse gardeners (

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

**L**ike bees flying in and out of the hive, Henry Krones, Klaus Theis and other gardeners quickly buzz by each other as they tote trays of bedding flowers from the Bitburg Annex greenhouse to a pick-up truck for shipping to Spangdahlem Air Base.

Each year, they have only about three weeks in late May to early June to distribute and plant more than 35,000 home-grown flowers. A photo album full of pictures of Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex flowerbeds throughout the years is reviewed annually so gardeners can reproduce favored designs.

"Initially it's a lot of hard work," said Krones, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron greenhouse supervisor. "But it doesn't end there - after planting we must also continue weeding the beds and watering them."

And the job doesn't end there. The base greenhouse grows and maintains about 50 popular flower varieties, most of which aren't indigenous to Germany, including the geranium from South Africa and the Canna plant from Cuba.

"People tend to think the flowers grow on their own," said Tech. Sgt. Douglas Knepp, NCOIC of greenhouse services. "The reality is working in the greenhouse is a busy full-time job."

Organizations begin picking up flowers among 52,000 flowers maintained in the greenhouse, to decorate buildings on the third week of May and through the family housing residents choose. After planting base flowerbeds, the most popular plant, chosen for its low water needs, is less water than other flower varieties.

In August, greenhouse gardeners take cuttings by snipping the tips of plants and placing them in special rows with other plant varieties that will be planted in the summer and well into autumn.

During the "off season" for plant seeds and cuttings, maintain about 75 percent of the base's

**T**he greenhouse staff recycles top-soil, sanitizes it by adding peat moss and fertilizer.

This recycling saves the base another \$75,000 compared to the cost of buying flowers annually, Knepp said.

ner, respectively, select geraniums to plant on Spangdahlem AB. From May to AB and the Bitburg Annex.

Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

## Germinate GI geraniums

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**T**he greenhouse is part of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Pavements and Equipment Flight and is maintained year-round by two permanent employees, Krones and Theis. Other gardeners are hired to help throughout the summer.

The "new" 480 square-meter greenhouse was constructed in December 1996 for \$170,733. Formerly, five small greenhouses, constructed soon after Bitburg Air Base was first established, were used.

The new facility not only provides more space, but is also much more efficient, Krones explained. Thermal curtains block or absorb the sun's rays throughout the year as the greenhouse's internal temperature climbs in the summer and falls in the winter. Greenhouse windows also open and close automatically to adjust the temperature and prevent the wind from harming delicate plants. The option to water the plants by hand was chosen to make it easier to adjust the amount of water the plants get. Worktables were also constructed with rollers to optimize space.

To save even more money and help the environment, the greenhouse also reuses plastic plant pots. Rather than put them into recycling or trash bins, people may drop off their unwanted reusable plant pots at the greenhouse 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Henry Krones, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron greenhouse supervisor, plants new flowers in a flowerbed near the Spangdahlem AB Child Development Center annex.

Gardeners at the 52nd CES greenhouse located on the Bitburg Annex combine ground cattle horn, shown here, with ground cattle bone to use as fertilizer. In Germany, using organic fertilizers, such as the horn and bone mixture, is preferred instead of chemically-derived fertilizers.



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

Swordfish (R)

In exchange for the custody of his daughter and to start a new life, a computer hacker agrees to work for a charismatic criminal to help steal \$6 billion in unused government funds.

#### Saturday

Spy Kids (PG, 4 p.m.)

For years, Ingrid Cortez has told her children the bedtime story of "The Spies Who Fell in Love." Little do Carmen and Juni Cortez know the spies in the fairy tale are actually their parents who have been nabbed by the enemy. To keep their family together, the children take on two perilous missions that defy the odds.

Swordfish

#### Sunday

Joe Dirt (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

Joe Dirt hits the road alone to find the parents that he lost, or lost him. His wandering, misguided search takes him from one hilarious misadventure to another. Through triumph and adversity, Joe Dirt plows on to unearth the mystery of his family's disappearance with startling results.

#### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

Based on the video game and explorer Lara Croft's plundering exploits around the world. She shoots, she runs, she jumps, she wears extremely tight T-shirts to cover her anatomically impossible body.

#### Thursday

Town and Country (R)

While celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in Paris with their best friends, Mona and Griffin, it becomes clear to Porter and Ellie something is wrong. A series of events bring in to question the whole idea of love, marriage, commitment and the differences between men and women.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Tonight

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

#### Saturday

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

#### Sunday

The Mummy Returns (PG-13)

The corpse of Imhotep is resurrected and is determined to fulfill its quest for immortality. But another force, even worse than Imhotep, has also been set loose in the world. When the two forces clash, the fate of the world hangs in the balance.

#### Monday

Driven (PG-13)

A young hot-shot driver is in the middle of a championship season and is coming apart at the seams. A former champion is called into give him guidance. Together, they work toward the same goals.

#### Tuesday

The Forsaken (R)

#### Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

## Art, culture combine in Beaufort, Luxembourg

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The small community of Beaufort, Luxembourg, turns into an art gallery now through July 29, with a giant multi-cultural celebration taking place today through Sunday.

More than 114 artists display a variety of temporary art at the beautiful Beaufort castle and other well know cultural spots in town. A variety of musical concerts and an entertainment program are scheduled.

"We are expecting more than 6,000 visitors from Holland, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg to take part in this annual, extraordinary event," said George Richette, community secretary and main organizer of the "Art in Beaufort."

The event kicks off tonight, at 7, with the official opening of the art exposition at the Beaufort castle. "The Convertibles" rock'n roll band performs at 8:30 p.m. with an audiovisual entertainment performance following at 10 p.m. Andre Mergenthaler, a well-known European electric cello soloist takes the stage at about 11 p.m. at the castle.

Activities continue Saturday with several bands and choirs performing beginning at 3 p.m., including a highlight performance by the "Big Mama Golden Six Gospel Singers" at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's entertainment includes a scarecrows parade at 2 p.m. starting at the castle and ending in the center of Beaufort. Sunday's attractions include a body painting performance by "Feel The Color" at 3 and 5 p.m. at the castle, a concert performed by people on bikes, starting at 4 p.m. in the center of town and a country music concert by Buffalo C. Wayne "The European

Texan" at 5 p.m. also in the center of town.

For those who prefer jazz music, a concert by "The Garlies" follows at 7:30 p.m. in the center of town. More entertainment occurs throughout the day and evening, including rock, pop, jazz and traditional brass band music. A lot of international food specialties and beverages are available. Entry is free to all events.

A shuttle bus is available between the castle, the town center and local parking lots.

The Beaufort Castle is a renaissance castle, reaching back to the 17th century and a castle ruin, which also has an original torture room. The ruin dates back to the 11th century.

Walking and hiking trails are the landmark for the area where Beaufort is located.

"We would love to welcome our American friends to this year's 'Art in Beaufort' festival," said Richette.

The original idea for the festival was to convert a village into an art gallery and bring together multiple cultures," Richette added.

To get to Beaufort, take B257 from

**The Beaufort castle ruins, dating back to the 11th century, is one of many sites hosting Art in Beaufort activities.**

Courtesy photo

Bitburg towards Echternach, Luxembourg. In Echternach follow the signs to Diekirch, Muellertal and Beaufort. The village is located about 15 minutes outside of Echternach.

## Out and about

■ Shop at a flea market Sunday in front of the Wittlich Moebel Kings furniture store; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore; in front of the Trier-Kenn WalMart; in front of the Idar-Oberstein F-Zone store; on Birkenfeld Talweiherplatz; in front of the Koblenz C-GRO market; in front of the Mendig Toom Markt; and at the Moselkern Moselanlagen as a part of the village's annual Mosel wine festival.

■ See the popular Open-Air Mosel operettas at 9 p.m., Wednesday, July 28 and 29 in the Zeltingen market place.

■ Folk-pop music plays at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, inside the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located near the Porta Nigra.

■ See German Touring car races today through Sunday at the famous Nuerburgring race track. For tickets, call the German Ticket Hotline at 02235-924483.

■ Attend 'Hahn in Motion,' featuring a variety of first-class entertainment in the air and on the ground, Aug. 18-19. Details about the event will be printed

in an upcoming edition of the Eifel Times.

■ Reserve your ticket now to see Thomas Schwab and band performing one of their highlight rock and pop summer night performances, Aug. 12 at the Trier Amphitheater. The event starts at 8 p.m. and tickets typically sell fast. For more information or tickets, call 06531-94407.

■ Meet with the Eifel Wanderers Volksmarching Club, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner or at 7 p.m. for a social gathering at the Metterich "Zum Stein" gasthaus. This is a good opportunity to meet new people, learn what the European tradition is all about and sign up for trips to Holland, Austria, Czech & more. Visit the club's website at <http://eifelwanderers.jumpoutdoors.com>

Contact Dave Westwood for more information at 06561-18758.

■ Listen to pop or rock music July 28 at the Lorely Open-Air Festival. On schedule are "No angels", "Glashaus", "Orange

Blue", "Jennifer Davids", "Ayman", "Phil Lovell" and "Cappucino".

■ Back to the 80's features music and themes from the 1980's July 28 at the Koblenz Circus Maximus.

■ Enjoy the 10th International artist, juggler and trickster festival July 28-29 at the Koblenz Altstadt or old city.

■ People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact Chris Bragg at [chris@gklug.org](mailto:chris@gklug.org) or visit the group's Web site at <http://gklug.org>.

■ People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan Bowker at [morgan@topsurf.com](mailto:morgan@topsurf.com) or call 06568-93063.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in July. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■ Paris overnight, Saturday-Sunday. Cost is \$185 for adults,

\$130 for ages 3-12.

■ Brugge, Belgium, express Saturday. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for ages 3-12.

■ Cochem medieval dinner, July 28. Cost is \$65 per person.

■ Disneyland Paris, July 28. Cost is \$95 for adults, \$85 for ages 3-11.

■ Three-countries express, July 28. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$70 for ages 3-12.

■ Phantasialand theme park, July 29. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$15 for ages 3-12.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in July. Call 452-7176 for details.

■ Luxembourg cave rappel, Saturday. Cost is \$30 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■ Open day at the ropes course, Sunday. Cost is \$25 per person. Minimum age is 12.

■ Climbing wall and ropes course for ages 13-18, July 25. Cost is \$20 per person.

■ Daun Nature Park for ages 3-5, July 26. Cost is \$20 per child.

## Community Mailbox

### Spouses group meeting

The 81st Fighter Squadron enlisted spouses group meets at 6:30 tonight in the Spangdahlem chapel annex. For more information, call Master Sgt. Thomas Hoag at 452-7082.

### Red Cross news

The following takes place in the American Red Cross, building 2001, on the Bitburg Annex kaserne area:

■Community first aid and safety 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The class covers first aid, and adult and child CPR.

■Open leadership positions include volunteer chairperson, medical group co-chairperson, publicity chairperson, fund-raising chairperson and school coordinator (one per school).

For more information, call the Red Cross at 452-9440, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Vacation Bible School

■Metterich Trinity Baptist Church Vacation Bible School takes place 1-4 p.m. Monday through July 27. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited. Call 06565-2336 for details or to register.

■The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel seeks volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 6-10. Children ages 4 years to sixth grade are invited to attend VBS, regardless of religious affiliation. Sign up with the Spangdahlem AB chapel during the week or at both chapels on weekends. Call Fran Lange at 06575-959857, Donna Coker at 06561-948983 or the base chapel at 452-6711 to register.

### Family support center news

■A deployed family day to Eifel Park takes place July 29. Family members of military or civilian members TDY for more than 30 days at the time of the event are invited. Register in person at either family support center. People need to bring a copy of the TDY orders to register.

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. Tuesday and July 31.

■Little Hearts Apart 3-4 p.m. Tuesday.

■Money management 6-8 p.m. July 31.

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■Resume writing 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.

■Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. Wednesday.

■Key spouse program noon to 1:30 p.m. July 27.

### Cancer patients

The Eifel Community Cancer Patients and Survivors Group meets 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Bitburg Annex hospital large conference room. For more information, call Capt. Lolita Tyler-Lockett at 452-3161.

### Diabetes support group

Glycemic monitoring is the topic of the next diabetes support group at 6 p.m. July 25 in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. For more information, call Capt. Raul Flores at 452-8142.

### Education office news

■Applications for spouse tuition assistance for Term I (Aug. 20 through Oct. 12) are available now in the education office, building 192, and in the Bitburg Annex post office. Deadline to apply is July 27.

■Embry-Riddle University offers air carrier operations July 27. The three-week course can be applied toward a master's degree. Call 452-7553 for details.

■The Air Command and Staff College study group begins Aug. 1. Active-duty military major selects or above, GS-11 or above federal employees or international officers serving with the Air Force may apply. Call Gregory Willis at 452-6335.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

### Mothers of Preschoolers

The Mothers of Preschoolers and Protestant Women of the Chapel barbeque takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 28 at the Spangdahlem Air Base picnic area near the child development center. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. For more information, call Darla Kelly at 06561-683677.

### Pre-school opportunities

■The Bunny Club meets at 10 a.m. each Thursday in the Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Activities include free-play Thursday, arts and crafts July 26 and photo day Aug. 2. Call Michelle Linnen at 452-3130 for details.

■Ready, Set, Grow meets at 11 a.m. each Wednesday in Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Call Cindy Gabehart at 452-3130 for details.

■The Spangdahlem playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Spangdahlem Air Base military family housing unit 422C. Call Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 for details.

■Story hour takes place at the Bitburg Annex Library at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday and at the Spangdahlem Air Base Library at 9:30 a.m. each Thursday. Call the Spangdahlem AB Library at 452-6203 or the Bitburg Annex Library at 452-9056 for details.

### School bus transportation

The Eifel school bus office reminds parents that students who ride buses to school must have a new pass for 2001/2002.

All students who are registered with the schools before Aug. 3 should receive an information package with the passes in the mail by Aug. 17. Incoming people who register children after Aug. 3, need to stop by the school bus office to register. People need to bring a copy of Defense Department Form 600, "School Registration," with them.

The office is located in building 459 on the Spangdahlem Elementary School grounds. For more information, call 452-5368 or 06565-61-5368.

### Top Three

The Spangdahlem Air Base Top Three Council meets at 3 p.m. Aug. 8 in the Saber

Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Rosel at 452-6112.

### Project Kidcare

Sponsored by the Spangdahlem Base Exchange and the security forces squadron, parents can have their children's photo and fingerprints taken 1-4 p.m. Aug. 11 at the store.

For more information, call Teresa Gaskins, BX manager, at 452-7017.

### Night out

The King Citadel Military Lodge holds a "ladies night out" 5-10 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Saber Club. Dinner is free for women, military or civilian, and men pay \$15. For more information, call Keena Parish at 0177-4969757.

### Yard of the month

Competition for yard and balcony of the month runs through September.

Balconies are selected from Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem Air Base housing areas. Government-leased housing areas compete for yard of the month. Winners receive plaques, certificates and other prizes donated by base organizations. Judging takes place toward the end of the month. For more information, call the housing office at 452-6560.

### Substitute teachers

Spangdahlem middle and elementary schools are accepting applications for substitute teachers for next school year. In addition, those who would like to volunteer, people are needed in the main office, classrooms and lunchroom. Call SMS at 452-7259 and SES at 452-6881 for more information.

### Middle school library

The Spangdahlem Middle School library opens 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, during the summer break. For more information, call Dawn Streicher-Mills at 452-7205.

### School registration

Parents of Spangdahlem Middle School students should register their children now for the next school year. Visit the school 8 a.m. to noon or 1:30-3 p.m.